

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior

§ 872.22

(1) We annually distribute Tribal share funds to you as shown in the following table:

For the Federal fiscal year(s) beginning . . .	The amount of Tribal share funds we annually distribute to you will be . . .
(i) October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008.	50 percent of your 50 percent share of reclamation fees collected on prior fiscal year coal production.
(ii) October 1, 2009 and October 1, 2010.	75 percent of your 50 percent share of reclamation fees collected on prior fiscal year coal production.
(iii) October 1, 2011 and continuing through September 30, 2022.	100 percent of your 50 percent share of reclamation fees collected on prior fiscal year coal production.
(iv) October 1, 2022 (fiscal year 2023).	The amount remaining in your Tribal share of the Fund.

(2) We award these funds to you in grants according to the provisions of part 886 of this chapter.

§ 872.19 Are there any restrictions on how Indian tribes may use Tribal share funds?

Yes. You may only use Tribal share funds for:

- (a) Coal reclamation under § 874.12 of this chapter;
- (b) Water supply restoration under § 874.14 of this chapter;
- (c) Noncoal reclamation under § 875.12 of this chapter that is requested under section 409(c) of SMCRA;
- (d) Deposit into an acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund under part 876 of this chapter;
- (e) Land acquisition under § 879.11 of this chapter; and
- (f) Maintenance of the AML inventory under section 403(c) of SMCRA.

§ 872.20 What will OSM do with unappropriated AML funds currently allocated to the Rural Abandoned Mine Program ?

Under section 402(h)(4)(B) of SMCRA, we will make available any moneys that remain allocated to RAMP and that were not appropriated or moved to other allocations before December 20, 2006, for possible transfer to the three United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) health care plans described in section 402(h)(2) of SMCRA.

§ 872.21 What are historic coal funds?

(a) “Historic coal funds” are moneys provided under section 402(g)(5) of SMCRA based on the amount of coal produced before August 3, 1977, in your State or on Indian lands in which you have an interest. Under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2006, which were enacted as Division C, Title II, Subtitle A of P.L. 109-432, each year we allocate and distribute 30 percent of annual AML fee collections for coal produced in the previous fiscal year plus 60 percent of any other revenue to the Fund as historic coal funds to supplement grants to States and Indian tribes.

(b) Historic coal funds also include moneys we reallocate under sections 401(f)(3)(A)(i), 411(h)(1)(A)(ii), and 411(h)(4) of SMCRA, including:

- (1) The moneys we reallocate based on prior balance replacement funds distributed under § 872.29, which will be available to supplement grants beginning with Federal fiscal year 2023; and
- (2) The moneys we reallocate based on certified in lieu funds distributed under § 872.32, which will be available to supplement grants in Federal fiscal years 2009 through 2022.

§ 872.22 How does OSM distribute and award historic coal funds?

(a) To be eligible to receive historic coal funds, you must meet the following criteria:

- (1) You must have and maintain an approved reclamation plan under part 884 of this chapter;
- (2) You cannot be certified under section 411(a) of SMCRA; and
- (3) You must have unfunded Priority 1 and 2 coal problems remaining under sections 403(a)(1) and (2) of SMCRA.

(b) If you meet the eligibility requirements in paragraph (a) of this section, we distribute these moneys to you using a formula based on the amount of coal historically produced before August 3, 1977, in your State or from the Indian lands concerned.

(c) We annually distribute historic coal funds to you as shown in the following table: